

DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)	Priority Claimed		
	<u>2003-073495</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>18/March/2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)
	<u>2003-292762</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>13/August/2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)
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(See note B) See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(List prior U.S. Applications)	Status
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- A. Please list all foreign applications relating to the invention and check block "yes" or "no".
- B. If more than 4 prior foreign applications, please check this box and attach a sheet listing the remaining prior foreign applications.
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